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**EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Special Meeting**

**January 12, 2009**

**Open Public Session ~ 2:45 p.m. (Showalter 201)**

**Executive Session ~ 2:00 p.m. (Showalter 201)**

**MINUTES**

Trustees in Attendance in person:

Jo Ann Kauffman, Chair  
Courtney Fleming

Trustees in Attendance via teleconference call:

Gordon Budke  
Neil McReynolds  
Bertha Ortega, Vice Chair  
Paul Tanaka  
Ines Zozaya-Geist

**Call to Order, I.**

Chair Kauffman called the January 12, 2009 special meeting of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees to order at 2:08 p.m.

Chair Kauffman announced that the Board would convene in executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

She announced that executive session would last approximately 45 minutes, that no final action would be taken during executive session, and that at the conclusion of the executive session the Board would convene into open session.

The Board announced, at 2:55 p.m., a fifteen minute extension of the executive session and announced that the open session would convene at approximately 3:10 p.m.

Chair Kauffman reconvened the open session of the January 12, 2009 special Board of Trustees meeting at 3:25 p.m.

**Quorum, II.**

A quorum was present. Trustee Mikkelsen was unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts.

### **Executive Session, III.**

Chair Kauffman stated that executive session was held for purposes authorized in RCW 42.30.110 as previously noted. No action was taken during the executive session.

### **Discussion Action Item, IV.**

#### Action to assure presidential coverage for the duration of President Arévalo's medical leave, IV.

Chair Kauffman stated that the purpose of this special Board meeting is for the Board to take action to ensure presidential coverage for the duration of President Arévalo's medical leave.

***Motion 1-01-09:** Motion by Trustee Tanaka that the Board appoint Dr. John Mason to be the full-time acting president of Eastern Washington University until such time as the board votes to change this appointment. The Board delegates authority to the Board Chair for final contract negotiation for the newly appointed acting president's role, effective today. The Board charges Dr. Mason with appointing an acting provost.*

*Seconded by Trustee Ortega.*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

### **Adjournment, V.**

Chair Kauffman, on behalf of the entire Board, thanked Dr. Mason for the work he has done throughout the last several months. She shared that the Board's thoughts and prayers continue to go out to Dr. Arévalo and Nadine while they bring Dr. Arévalo back to full health.

Chair Kauffman adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

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Jo Ann Kauffman, Chair

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John Mason, Acting President,  
on behalf of Rodolfo Arévalo,  
Secretary